

DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

MINUTES of the GOVERNING BOARD of the DESERT AND MOUNTAIN CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

December 15, 2006

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Desert and Mountains Recreation Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Jim Dodson, on December 15, 2006 at the Santa Clarita Sports Complex, Aquatic Center, at 10:39 a.m.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: David Myerson; Milt Stark; Richard Gould, Vice-Chair; and Jim Dodson, Chairperson. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Paul Edelman, Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning; Frances Dea, Board Secretary.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meetings August 9, 2006 and November 15, 2006.

The minutes from meetings August 9, 2006 and November 15, 2006 were submitted for approval.

On motion of Mr. Myerson, duly seconded, the minutes of meetings August 9, 2006 and November 15, 2006 were unanimously adopted.

IV. Public comment on matters not appearing on the Meeting Agenda and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Authority.

No comments were made on matters not appearing on this meeting agenda or any other matter.

V. Discussion and possible action regarding the Fairmont Butte Motorsports Park Project on Conditional Use Permit No. 02-176 and Parcel Map No. 26805, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

The discussion was opened and led by staff. Staff and Board Members present had thoroughly analyzed the potential impact and potential growth of the park project to its surrounding area.

Richard Gould, Vice-Chair enters meeting at 10:39 a.m.

On motion of Mr. Myerson, duly seconded, request Staff to draft a comment letter on the Fairmont Butte Motorsports Park project to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Department.

VI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the granting of in lieu mitigation funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to acquire parcels in Chapter 8 Agreements No. 2469 and 2482, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

VII.

Discussion focused on funding sources and potential habitats for mariposa lilies, tortoises and other biota suitable for the region.

On motion of Mr. Myerson, duly seconded, Resolution 06-06 was amended and unanimously adopted.

VIII. Discussion and possible action regarding the protection of land and natural resources within the Joint Powers Authority (JPA) boundary.

The discussion was opened and led by Mr. Myerson.

Comments were made by Board Members on contacting and possibly working in conjunction with other agencies regarding the protection of land and natural resources found within the Joint Powers Authority boundary.

The discussion then turned to talks on contacting other agencies and the military for presentation(s) and input on the area found to be within the JPA boundary. Consideration was made by the Governing Board to have another special meeting with the military.

Mr. Edmiston arrives at 1:39 p.m.

VIII. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Section 54954.2(a) of the Government Code.

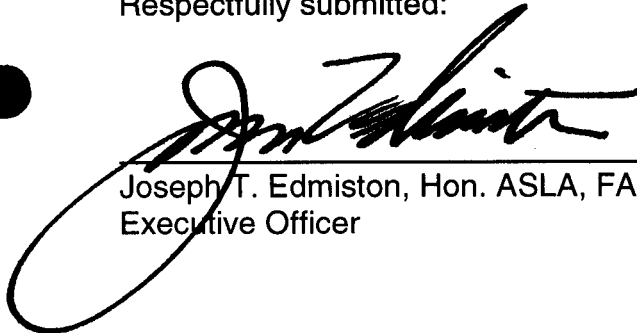
Chair requested a meeting to be set up with Paul Novak on discussion the Centennial Grassland issue with Chair and Vice-Chair.

XI. Announcement of future meeting and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting will be the second Wednesday of February, 2007.


There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Joseph T. Edmiston, Hon. ASLA, FAICP
Executive Officer

Approved:



Jim Dodson
Chair